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A Word From Monte J. Goble, President Appalachian Way Association

Our approaching Convention in that delightful city of the Bluegrass—Lexington, Ky.—on April 5 next, bids fair to bring together the largest gathering of prominent men interested in the development of their States, cities, towns and communities, thru the addition of better transportation facilities than has ever been known before in the State of Kentucky.

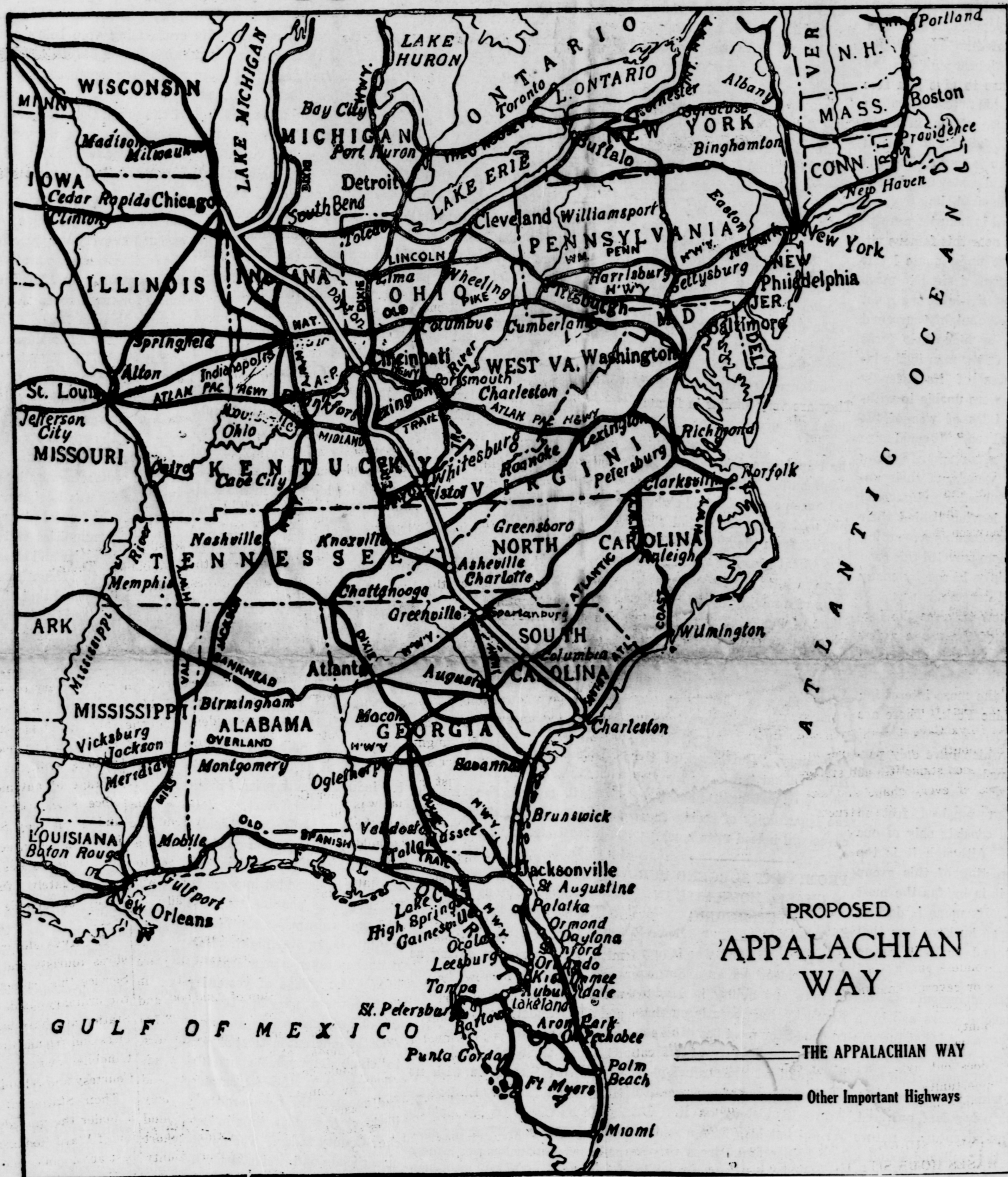
Hon. Wm. J. Fields, Governor of Kentucky, has not only shown his interest by agreeing to be present and to address us, but has issued from the executive office a special invitation to the Governors Lieutenant Governors and to the Chairmen of the Highway Commissions of each of the other nine States thru which the Appalachian Way passes. In addition we have for sometime, thru the newspapers, the banks, the hotels, the automobile clubs, Chambers of Commerce, Rotary, Kiwanis and other civic organizations from Illinois to Florida, been advertising the Convention and inviting delegates.

The people of Kentucky, including those sections of scenic Virginia and Tennessee territory thru which our Highway is destined to pass, especially have at heart the great importance of seeing this Highway a completed proposition, opening into their sections as it will a vast tide of valuable traffic from the great Northwest, as well as from the great and rapidly developing Southeast. The merchant cannot sell his goods until he displays them. No more can the sections of the States mentioned expect to see the full development of their natural resources until the outside world is admitted thru and can visualize the great treasures that have for many years been lying latent.

The Appalachian Way is an individual proposition to every man, woman and child along its route. Its importance to Kentucky particularly can hardly be estimated, and in this aspect of the matter it becomes the first duty of all who may be interested in the improvement and development of their sections, to not only attend this Convention, but to realize that the Highway, rapidly as we have worked and accomplished thus far, cannot become a finished proposition without the individual interest and application of those whose communities it will benefit. In other words and in simple words, the people who want this highway must show their interest, their moral and financial support. Thru united effort we can put the proposition over and put it over promptly, but should there be a tendency in any community to leave the work to others, the splendid machinery that we have set in motion will naturally be slowed down.

At the Lexington Convention we will be able to convince anyone and everyone that the work we are undertaking is work that will be fruitful in financial, educational and moral advantage, at the same time will be creative of industry from which all will be a thousandfold recompensed for what they do in behalf of the project. Monte J. Goble, Pres. Appalachian Way Assoc'n.

## On With the Kyva and Mayo Trails of the Appalachian Way



WHITESBURG  
"IN THE HEART OF THE HILLS"

### The Appalachian Way

(Lexington Herald)  
Lexington will be host to Governors, Lieutenant Governors, State Highway executives and prominent delegates, numbering some two hundred and fifty, from the Lakes to Florida, at the second annual meeting of the Appalachian Way Association to be held in this city Monday, April 5.

Gov. Wm. J. Fields, who has accepted an invitation to address the banquet which will be tendered to the honored guests of the highway association in connection with the convention, has urged the Governors, Lieutenant Governors and State Highway Chairmen from the other nine States thru which this national highway passes to be present.

President Monte J. Goble, of Cincinnati, who named the highway at the organization meeting in Winchester more than a year ago, has already received assurance that a strong representation will attend from each of the ten States—Illinois, Indiana, Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia and Florida.

The members of the Kentucky Highway Commission, together with the head engineers from the department at Frankfort will be guests at the banquet, and it is probable that the Federal Bureau of Public Roads at Washington will be represented.

While the route of the Appalachian Way has not been definitely determined in each of the ten States, a matter which will be settled at the approaching conference in Lexington the Kentucky section will take the route of the former L.L.L. highway from Covington to Lexington and the Kyva Highway from Lexington to the Virginia border, passing thru Winchester, Clay City, Stanton, Campton, Jackson, Hazard and Whitesburg, a territory rich in minerals and unexcelled in scenic

wealth. The Appalachian Way is the first national highway designed to connect the Great Lakes region with the Southeastern Atlantic seaboard, and no State needs such a thru route worse than Kentucky, which has so much difficulty getting roads built thru the mountains.

Gov. Fields and Major E. S. Leiburn, highway commissioner from Middlesboro, rode muleback in some of the Eastern Kentucky counties last fall urging the completion of the Kyva highway by county co-operation and bond issues were voted by large majorities in the counties visited.

Prominent leaders in Virginia and Tennessee have pushed the national route thru their States and have promised that all barriers will be removed and the

road completed by the time Kentucky finishes the Kyva section of the Appalachian Way.

No more important meeting has ever been held in this city than the approaching convention of the Appalachian Way and Lexington feels honored to be host on this occasion.

The completion of this highway thru Kentucky will not only strengthen the position occupied by this State in the nation's highway system, but is calculated to do more to bring Kentuckians together than any other one thing as the opening of the way to Lexington from Southeastern Kentucky means the first thru connection from Eastern to Western Kentucky furnished by highway since the primary system of roads was established a few years ago by the legislature for that purpose.

### Need of the Proposed Appalachian Way

Highway building has made possible the rapid development of the United States. Good roads mean progress, and those responsible for the building of good roads are doing an important work for the country and for humanity. Next to the building of railroads no one thing has helped the country more than the building and opening up of good highways.

Perhaps no highway, the construction of which is being considered at this time, is of more importance than the proposed Appalachian Way. Much of this road has already been constructed or is under contract for construction, and the entire highway can be completed at moderate cost. It will furnish the most direct route from Chicago and the Northwest to Charleston and the cities on the Atlantic seaboard, and to Florida. It crosses all important highways running East and West, thus adding to the value of these intersecting highways. It passes thru the wonderful Bluegrass and Appalachian sections of Kentucky, Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina, furnishing an additional route between the North and the South, which is not only necessary but imperative, inasmuch as the present highways will not be adequate to take care of the future growth of motor transportation. Aside from the scenic spots of a large portion of the people of the country, thru the development of this highway and the establishment of forest reserves by the national government. Perhaps no section of the country affords more beautiful and interesting natural scenery, and it passes thru the heart of one of the greatest coal fields of the United States.

It will facilitate travel between the southern states, the Atlantic Coast and Gulf States, the Middle States, the Lake Regions, the Northwest and Canada. It will become one of the most traveled tourist routes in the entire country, and will form a connecting link between the North and South unequaled by any highway in existence.

Keen interest is being manifested in this proposed highway throughout the entire country, and the Appalachian Way Association has been organized to promote interest in this most useful and scenic highway. By all means this proposed link connecting the North and South should be built at once.

Let the North and the South shake hands over the Appalachian Way. Make it easier for the people of these two sections to mix and mingle with each other, afford them better opportunities to associate together and learn more of each other, and the social and material welfare of both will be greatly enhanced, and the prosperity of the country promoted to a degree not available from any other source.



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Three months of the year 1926 are ready to take their back places on the calendar, and yet the old county of Letcher has no murder or killing to blacken its record. Isn't that pretty good for a county with over 30,000 people

Thru the great magnanimity of the heart and soul of the Business Mens Club of Whitesburg, this extraordinary issue of the Mountain Eagle is able to wing its way into the heart of the great South. Every article in this issue is written by members of this wide-awake business organization. The advertising is furnished by it almost in toto. We are glad to furnish our readers with such a live issue and trust they will all thank the Business Mens Club for enabling them to get it.

Eagle readers will think it very strange to find no local news in the paper this week, but we would remind them of the fact that if the Great Appalachian Way can be turned through Letcher county it will be worth more to them than all the local news that could be printed in years. The ordinary citizen can scarcely estimate what would be the value of such a highway. The opportunity comes like this but once in a lifetime and it is important that we take full advantage of it.

The towns and cities of Letcher county reached by the Kyva and Mayo Trails of the Appalachian Way are Blackey with a population of 2000 with its immediate environs; Elsieco 500, Whitesburg, the county seat, with environs, 3500; Mayking, Sergeant, Bastin, Millstone, Kona and Secco 3000, McRoberts 2500, Jenkins, 10,000. These are each industrious, peaceful, healthful and progressive places. Schools and churches of the highest order predominate in all of them. High-class professional and business men, merchants, lawyers, physicians, bookkeepers and stenographers are plentiful. That coal mining is the principal occupation is well known and from this source comes the greater part of the money in circulation. In Letcher county you seldom if ever hear of a miner complaining of his wages. The great mass of them have been employed for years and have learned to respect the heads of the mine operations in their struggles for maintenance. In the days when there is little or no work the miners and their families are looked after and carefully protected. Thus there is a strong communistic spirit ever dominating. Letcher county is proud of this spirit and the people take pride in fostering it.

### CAVES OF LETCHER

Among the many things that present a field for those with a taste for adventure are the caves of Letcher County. The Lime stone Strata that lies about fifteen hundred feet above the valley of the Kentucky River and its tributaries on the Western slope of the Pine Mountain is catacombed and its solidity is broken by dozens of caves and pits that vary in size from a few hundred feet in length and depth to hundreds of yards and probably miles. In fact it is believed that the greater part of this strata is a network of underground channels, only a very small portion of which has been explored or mapped by man.

The Bull Hole, which is merely a pit, is only a very short distance from Whitesburg and less than one mile from the Mayo Trail leading from Whitesburg across the Pine Mountain to the

Cumberland Valley. This pit derived its name from a very singular circumstance. Many years ago a bull, the chattel of a native was missing and while in quest of the animal, he noticed in passing that something had fallen in to the pit. By means of a rope ladder he descended and found the head and hide of the missing bull. The bull had been stolen and the culprit, thinking to escape discovery had used the place as a repository. Thus, the name bull hole. This, however, was long since, and instead of being used as a repository for stolen articles, it is now the involuntary rendezvous for persons with blacked political ambitions. Political defeat and sending a man to the bull hole are synonymous terms. An opponent no longer thinks of defeating his adversary, but his highest ambition and intentions are to give him free passage to this notorious but undesired place. This, in itself, should be of interest to tourists and pleasure seekers, because the scales and skeletons of those who have aspired, but expired, are scattered in luxurious profusion in and near this famous pit. Many whose unfortunate lot it was to be sent, desired to move the scars of battle in the quiet recesses of the mighty surrounding forest, or hide their faces from their fellow man in the inky blackness of its friendly depth, but were unable to withstand the tales of woe of "It might have been," "It could have been," or "It ought to have been," but wasn't, of their unfortunate comrades and gave up the ghost, leaving behind their political skeletons as a warning to those whom traveled this path of uncertainty be-set by many thieves and dangers.

Let us now traverse the jagged slope of the range a few miles to the west and concern ourselves with the more beautiful, if not the more interesting caves of Line Fork. There are six in number, the mysteries and extent of which have only partially unraveled and determined by man. The Buckeye Cave is only a few hundred feet in length and consists only of one chamber. Although it is the least interesting of this group of caves, it is by far the most accessible. Its name is derived from a large buckeye tree that stands at, and partially covers the entrance.

The Little Mammoth was discovered several years ago by a hunter, who noticed that the vegetation several feet above the base of the Limston Cliff was disturbed while in the surrounding forest not a leaf quivered. Being of an adventurous nature he scaled the wall and found a small hole two or three feet in diameter from which rushed the saturated air of unknown regions. Returning on a later day with the necessary implements, he entered the stygian recesses of this handiwork of nature. The extent of this cave is unknown, as very few have dared to venture for more than a mile into its mysterious depths. There are many chambers and passages, and through the main chamber, a stream of no mean size, dashes, plunges, and trickles its way to the outer world through the exit of the water cave which lies several feet below. Although there is no echo river, the thrill of a cork screw, fat man's misery, Devil's slide, bottomless pits and topless domes are present in profound abundance.

The Dungeon Cave derived its name from the peculiar formation, having the appearance of a mighty dungeon. The opening is eight of ten feet in diameter

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## "The Tie That Binds"

ter and the large entrance chamber may be dimly seen without descending. After making a peculiar descent of about 20 feet and crossing the floor of the entrance chamber, a narrow passage way leads into another room. In this room may be found several large hoppers, which were placed there before the Civil War and used by the few settlers in extracting salt-petre from the earth and stones, which in turn was employed in the manufacture of powder. The boards and poles used in constructing the hoppers are apparently sound, but when brought to the outer air easily crumble with the hands. Many rude hammers and other implements have been found and it is almost certain that it has been used in past years by both the white man and the Indian. It is believed that there is a connection between this cave and the Little Mammoth but it has not been discovered.

The Bear and Palace Caves are a considerable distance from those above mentioned and quite a distance from each other. They are very similar in formation and appearance and differ from the others of the group as the Onyx Cave differs from the Mammoth. In these caves are to be seen stalactites and stalagmites of every shape and size, ranging from the flimsy structure of a wheat straw that crumbles at a touch, to the imposing Columns of a mighty mansion. The colors of the rainbow and their combination are to be seen in these depths where the light of day has never shown. Thus all the wonders and beauty of any caves or caverns known to man are to be seen in those of Letcher County, "The Heart of the Hills." That tourist or traveler who does not avail himself of the opportunity of seeing these caves will indeed miss much.

### PROMINENT SURGENO PURCHASES HOME SITE IN WHITESBURG

Dr. B. F. Wright, who is prominently identified as a Surgeon of note and ability in Eastern Kentucky, has recently purchased one of the most beautiful corner lots in the city of Whitesburg, and we understand plans to erect a home of our beautiful Native Sandstone on it. Dr. Wright has long been a real estate holder of business properties in our city, and we are indeed glad to hear of the purchase of a home site, as we know this eventually means the addition of another good citizen to our city.

### MASTER COMMISSIONERS SALE

Letcher Circuit Court  
Jeff Isa, plff. vs Rich Hampton def.  
By virtue of judgment and order of sale made at Jan. term Letcher Circuit Court in above styled cause, I will offer for sale to highest and best bidder at front of Courthouse in town of Whitesburg, Letcher Co. Ky. on 5 day of April 1926, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. it being County Court day, following property to-wit: One house situated and being in the State of Kentucky, Co. of Letcher and on what is known as Bull Creek, a tributary of Northfork of Kentucky river, and said house being erected out of the lumber that plaintiff sold to the defendant, upon the upper end of what is known as the Henry Brown farm. Amount to be raised by said sale is the sum of \$112.91 with interest thereon from June 1, 1925, until paid and all cost of this action and sale.  
Sale will be made upon a credit of 6 months and purchaser will be required to execute bond with approved surety for payment of purchase price, and a lien will be retained upon the property as additional security. Said bond will bear legal interest from date of sale and have the force and effect of a judgment.  
J. L. HAYS,  
Master Com, Letcher Cir. Court

We who dwell in a twentieth century civilization, accepting the environment of our forebears as a heritage common to each succeeding generation, might do well to retrospect and weigh carefully and compare the immeasurable demands made upon our progenitors by reason of the topographical and geographical location of our old Kentucky Homes.

Let us pause for a moment and turn back the dusty and forgotten pages of Kentucky Mountain History, and once again dwell with the conditions that were, that we may have a full appreciation of the conditions that are. Here was a country, individualistic in its creation, a masterpiece sculptured and fashioned by he who holds our destiny in the palm of his hand. The beauty of its landscape, a natural loom upon which Mother Nature might weave her earthly mantles, and her handiwork has left its imprint upon the hearts of men. It was a land further endowed with a heritage of minerals of quality and quantity, and its wealth of tradition found birth thru the daring exploits of Daniel Boone.

He came, marveled at its majestic beauty, and marched on. The mountains soon became but a purple haze blending with the golden rays of a summers sun. The foothills receded to East as he entered upon the fertile plains of Blue Grass. There he made a clearing, build his cabin and called it home. The trail he blazed soon became a beaten path for courageous blood, trod by the flower of Virginias Cavalier stock, whose posterity has added lustre and brought renown to the Old Kentucky Home.

Yet there was another race of men, probably not so daring as the Cavalier, but possessing an unflinching love for freedom and the mandates of its principals, sought the "Heart of the Hills" as their promised land. The Ulster Scot came with no trails to guide him. Still glowing in his mind was the English church. He longed for the open and unfrequented places, where he might worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience. His mecca was the mountains. His sanctuary was their peaceful valleys. So strong was his faith in the new empire that he burned his bridges behind him, and gave himself to herculean task of conquering an Eden of unknown and uncharted areas.

So here in the hills of Kentucky he likewise cleared the land of his choice, built a cabin and called it home. He fought the savages and the wild beasts of the forest, and tilled a patch of corn on the mountain side for his daily bread. The wool from his small flock of sheep, under the skillful hands of his mate, protected his body from the rigors of winter. The skins of the beasts protected his feet. He was happy in his new found freedom, and the everpresent dangers and hardship only accentuated his appreciation of

living. He was the exemplification of the Masters creation. The pursuit of Anglo Saxon blood surged through his veins. He possessed a logical inventive mind and was endowed with a spiritual power to survive. He was king of the realm and lord over all he surveyed. Yet there was no helping hand to be extended to enlighten his physical labors. No encouraging voice to combat the evil of discontent.

Each failure was made a bulwark of defense in his next effort. He was in a manner fettered by the mystifying arts of Mother Nature. Yet content with his bondage, he thrived and expanded under the tutelage of his captor. Unlike the builders of palatial Rome, he had no birds of golden fleece to trace the boundaries of his domain, nor were there Promethian Fires of Delphes to consult in days of doubt and uncertainty. Though weak in arms, he was mighty in God-like faith, and ever sustained in an unflinching trust in the Master, he struggled on. That was the type of man that laid the foundation upon which we build and prosper today in Letcher County. It is the blood tie that binds us to the past, that causes us to lift up the fallen burden and carry on, to the end that the dream of yesterday will be the reality tomorrow. Are we playing our allotted part? Look about. Letcher County, once a wilderness of individual activity, now a vertiable bee-hive of united industrial enterprise. From Pound Gap to the East, to Garner Creek to the West, the pulse beats of progress have quickened. Each throb in the heart of the hills lends added impetus to its illustrious possibilities. Old and new enterprises are blooming into being over night. Business has taken a new lease on life. The village of yesterday is the town of today and the metropolis of tomorrow. It seems that the inherent instinct of man to climb impregnable heights, advance thru the impassable, and conquer the conqueror was never more evident, than in Letcher County today. The spiritual, social, and industrial welfare have jointly woven the tie that binds by adding tinder to smoldering fires of progress.

The desire and necessity for the construction of broad highways, binding together our diversified interests, burst into flame several years past. The Fiscal Court of Letcher County constructed two and a half miles of road leading from Whitesburg, the County Seat, to Colly Creek. The bit of road was a mute testimonial to men of vision, who had a full appreciation of the many public benefits that might be derived therefrom. It also permitted the citizenry to realize that the obnoxious mud by-path was not only a detriment to civilization but a liability and marred the County's good name. The new highway was the incentive. The investment from which goodly returns might be made, was roads. More roads. Better roads. The cry grew in volume

until its echoes reverberated from every hill and dale. In 1921, the demand was so great that a \$3000,000 bond issue was submitted to the people. Its popularity was emphasized by an overwhelming vote being cast in its favor. 2,547 to 407. More roads were constructed and more contracts let. The order books of the Fiscal Court became, continuous pages of orders, authorizing purchases of rights of way surveys, estimates and contracts

The State Highway Commission handicapped by the lack of funds assisted in every way possible in the furtherance of the road building program. By 1924 the demand for more roads was even greater than in 1921. To the end that a second bond issue was submitted in the sum of \$210,000, which also passed with an overwhelming majority of 2,998 to 375. It was evident from the vote that the opponents of good roads were losing ground. Additional contracts were let. Letcher County was having a semblance of a highway system. The outlying communities were being brought closer and closer together. By this time there was a universal demand that all thru roads in the County be completed and to further carry out the road building program, a third bond issue was submitted in 1925 in the sum of \$200,000, and which carried by a vote of 3,784 to 226. Certainly no better testimonial of faith in good roads could be had than this vote and by comparison it may be easily ascertained that the day of mud roads is passed. Within a short period of time Letcher County has far surpassed her sister counties in road construction. Three highways now lead from Whitesburg, where once, only a rippling mountain creek indicated a possible way out to the outside world. To the north, one may travel toward the Blue grass and northern cities. To the east one may follow the winding course of the Kentucky River—through Jenkins, one of the most beautiful mining towns in the word—and on to Pound Gap into Virginia the mother state of Kentucky. To the south one may travel thru a section of scenic beauty that in the estimation of many far surpasses the palisades of the Hudson, easily equalling the grandeur of the Rockies in the West, yet retaining for itself an exotic splendor that will weave a spell over the most hardened traveler. Three highways traverse this Eutopian valhalla. The Kyva Highway, connecting the Blue Grass of Kentucky with the Mother State of Virginia at Pound Gap. The Mayo Trail connecting the Big Sandy Valley and the headwaters of the Kentucky and Cumberland Rivers, and the Appalachian Way that joins the snow-cushrouded pines of the north to the sun kissed palms of the south. The twain have met, brother, in a land where the hearthstone will welcome you at eventide by the warmth of its firelight caress, where a hand-clasp will extend a fellowship

stronger than a mystic sign, where the latchstring dangles during all seasons, on the outside, and bids you come in.—To the heart of our hills.

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### LETCHER COUNTY AFFORDS MOST UP TO DATE SERVICE STATION THIS SIDE OF LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY.

Seeing the need of a first class Service Station in Eastern Kentucky, even in the year 1922, a body of men organized what is known as the Kyva Motor Company.

Their first Service Station was opened at Millstone, Ky., with two mechanics. Since that time they have erected a modern brick Service Station at Whitesburg, Ky., which is fireproof and modern in every respect.

In the Whitesburg Station, there is approximately 9,000 square feet of floor space which affords sufficient space for the storage of automobiles, a shop, office, stock room, a show room and is the only Service Station in Eastern Kentucky that maintains a ladies' rest room, which is adequately furnished and made comfortable in every respect.

The Kyva Motor Company insures tourists and the public a Service that cannot be found in the ordinary small town Service Station and have built their business and friendship of all the automobile owners on Service, Courtesy and reliability.

Their Station at Whitesburg is under the immediate supervision of Ward Renaker, one of the best automobile men to be found in Eastern Kentucky. The first Service Station which was opened at Millstone is still maintained and the only station on the Kyva Highway between Whitesburg and Haymond, Ky. This Station is under the immediate supervision of Mr. Wm. A. Ammerman, a high class mechanic in every respect.

In order that the public may receive the benefits of the best trained men, the Kyva Motor Company sends its mechanics to Service branches of various factories that they may better understand the improvements added and the servicing problems of the present time.

The cars handled by the Kyva Motor Company are the Oakland, Pontiac, Buick and G. M. C. Trucks. While it is true they specialize on the servicing of the above cars, one may feel sure that he will receive efficient service and courteous treatment, whatever make of car he drives.

Wilson S. Renaker, who for the past six years has been in the service of the South East Coal Company as Assistant Auditor, and who is President of the Kyva Motor Company, will devote his entire time to the automobile business in the future. Mr. Renaker, before coming to Letcher County was a automobile man and in the act of giving his entire time to the Kyva Motor Company merely means that he is returning to the old game.



## TO LETCHER'S MOUNTAINS

Beautiful mountains, how proud you rise  
With lofty summits that pierce the skies,  
Quaint rugged cliffs, and wild grape vines,  
And charming peaks all covered with pines.  
'Twas you, Pine Mountain, and your foothills,  
Your winding brooks, and gushing rills,  
All filled with fish in water most clear,  
That so wonderfully attracts the pioneer;  
And Kenton, and Hooker, and Daniel Boone,  
Made you their choice, made you their home.

Looking Southward from my mountain home,  
Is the Town of Whitesburg, now in full bloom,  
The heart of the mountains and Eastern coal field,  
The most beautiful scenery nature can yield,  
Where lad and lassie love to roam,  
In a land they're glad to call their own;  
Where friends are true and love's divine,  
In the heart of the hills—this home of mine.  
Folks failing in health, come here to rest,  
You'll gain your health, and find the best,  
The strongest, and brainiest people are here—  
The smooth and sturdy old mountaineer.

Beautiful mountains, God's masterpiece,  
Grant not to another my own release;  
Ever keep me where true love abounds,  
In hearts proportioned to thy mounts.  
Only let me wander along thy creeks,  
And winding roads to all thy peaks,  
Where the purest air and sunshine divine,  
Embrace the form of the lone pine.

### SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of execution No 1493 directed to me which issued from Clerks office Letcher Circuit Court in favor of J.J. Lewis, vs. D. Smith, Florence Smith, D. G. Lewis and D. D. Smith, I or one of my deputies will on Monday, April 5, 1925, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. at Court-house door in Whitesburg, Letcher Co. Ky., expose to public sale to highest and best bidder the following property, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy amount of piff's debt, interest and costs to-wit: Forty two acres of land situated on Low Gap branch of Linefork, adjoining the lands of Swift Coal & Timber Co. and Mary E. Smith being the same land conveyed by J. G. Smith to D. D. Smith. For further description see records of Letcher County Court clerk's office. Amount to be raised \$4548.54 and cost of sale and ed-

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### Run-Down gave out easily

"My health wasn't any account at all," says Mrs. H. L. Cayton, of Washington, N. C. "I would start to do my housework and I would give out before I had done anything at all. I did not have any strength, and I did the least thing it seemed to tax me so I could not finish. I was run-down sure enough. Several of my friends had taken Cardui and they said to me, 'Why don't you try it?' I knew I needed something to build up my general health and to increase my strength. Finally one day when I was recovering from a spell of sickness, I decided to try Cardui. I got a bottle and began to take it. I could notice that I was improving as my appetite got better and I did not give out nearly so quick. I took several bottles and I felt lots better. Two years ago I decided to take it again. It built me up and made me feel like a different person. It is the grandest medicine for women that I know anything about."

**CARDUI**  
For Female Troubles



American railroads are striving to reduce the number of accidents, both among their employees and the public generally.

The Louisville & Nashville Railroad employs approximately 52,000 people; about 45,000 of these are employed in hazardous occupations, and it is a matter of pride on the part of this Railroad to state that the number of injuries and fatalities per year is constantly being reduced.

In the year 1923 there were 4,303 injuries among L. & N. employees, with 60 fatalities. During the year 1925 there was a reduction to 2,852 injuries, or one-third, and to 44 fatalities, or one-fourth.

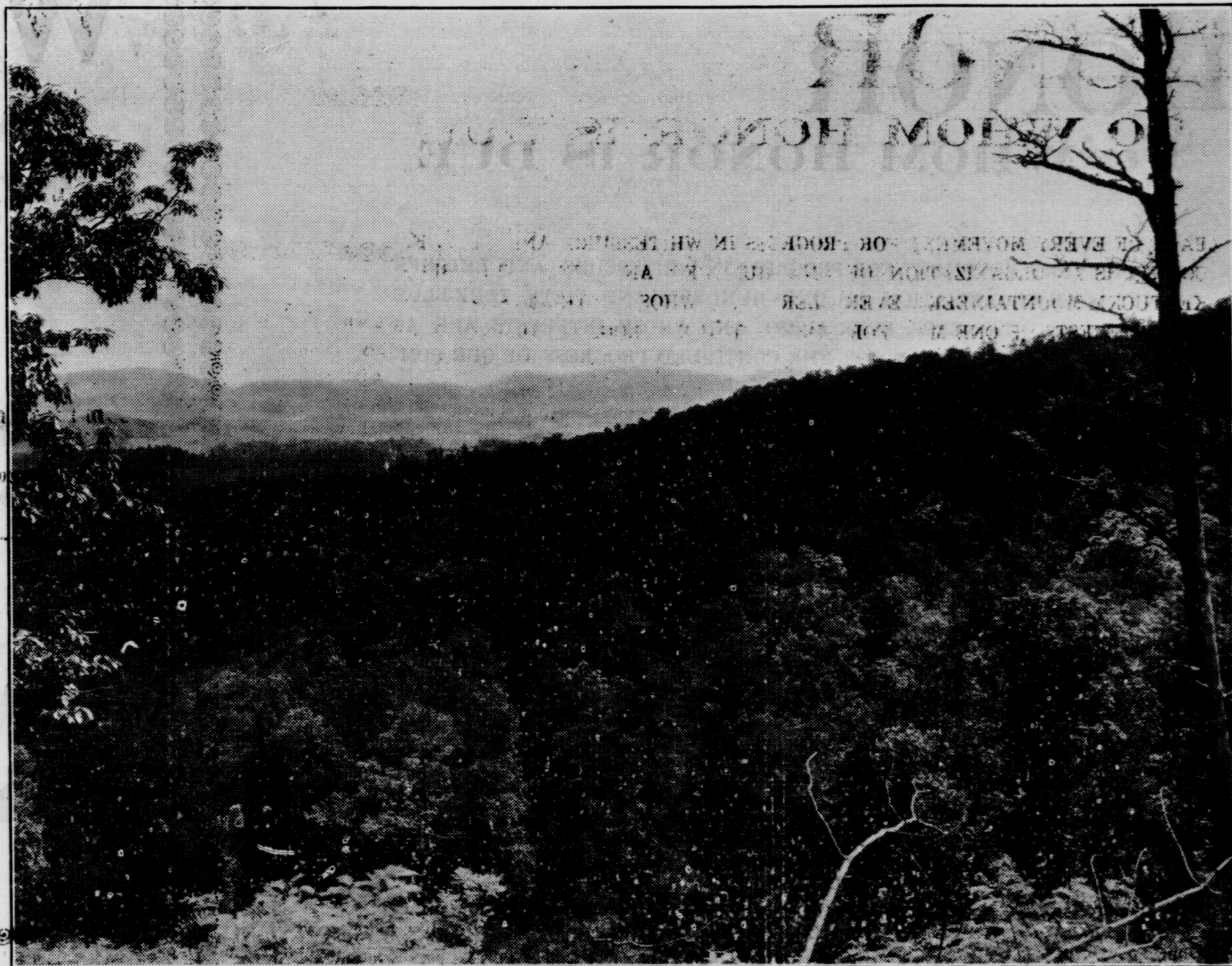
In 1925 the L. & N. handled over 10,400,000 passengers an average distance of about 70 miles, without a single fatality, and with only 9 persons injured, in train accidents. In fact, as convincing evidence of the L. & N.'s remarkable safety record, there has not been a passenger killed in a train accident in the past six years, notwithstanding it has handled over 80,000,000 passengers an average distance of about 60 miles.

Safety devices of every sort are employed in this Company's shops and on every mile of track.

The American railroads are preaching and practicing "Safety First." Let everybody help.



## THE EVERLASTING HILLS



The mountains of Eastern Kentucky, along the Appalachian Way, are not like the mountains of the west. Twenty-five hundred to three thousand feet above the level of the ocean, they are not the torn and jagged jumble of rocks that comprise the Rockies. In the summer they are carpeted with all shades of green and in the fall in addition to these greens appear all the browns, reds, and yellows of autumn, as if some gigantic painter had used this as his canvass and taken all nature as his theme and made it into an ever changing panorama of color.

With the exception of two ranges, one in Eastern Kentucky, called Pine Mountain, and the other in Western Virginia, called Stone Mountain, the mountains of the Appalachian Way are the result of the wear and tear of the ages, not the consequence of an earth catastrophe. Only Pine and Stone mountains show plainly the effect of a mighty convulsion, and this does not seem to be an upheaval, but the buckling of a lateral movement as though the earth had shrunk and there was no longer a place in its crust for all the material that had accumulated. All the rest of these Eastern Kentucky mountains were formed by the slow process of the ages, the wearing away of the surface by the action of heat and cold, wind and water, but more especially by water.

We call them the everlasting hills, but it is only because they are not everlasting that they are hills at all. We view them now, not as a finished product, but as a work in the process of formation, as a building partly completed. When the labor is finished and the work is done, they will be hills no longer, but their position will be taken by old ocean, and the everlasting hills will have fulfilled their mission, unless some direful change has come over nature, and the action of heat and cold and of wind and water, have ere that time, ceased from troubling.

Many millions of years ago, the place on the earth's surface that is now known as Eastern Kentucky, was a shallow lake or sea, at other times it was a low lying plain, and at other times a sea marsh like the shores of Florida or Louisiana. In those times the earth as now was an ever changing scene. This is evidenced by the story of the rocks as we now find them along the mountain sides. At times there was being deposited beds of sand from a few inches to hundreds of feet in thickness, at other times clays or muds were being laid down on this nearly level plain, and then for long periods vegetable material of the nature that grew in profusion in those times was being dropped on the floor of the inland sea.

This process kept on and on until thousands of feet of sand, clay and vegetable matter that eventually became sandstone, shale and coal, had been laid down on a bed that seems to have been gradually subsiding, so that the floor was usually but little above or below the level of the sea. For millions of years these materials have been accumulating and hardening and then the whole surface seems to have been vertically raised possibly 2000 or 3000 feet and the process was reversed and the rocks that had been formed during the preceding ages were gradually eroded by the weather of the millions of years that have followed.

The oldest man that lives "in the heart of the hills" could not truthfully say that during his life he can see that the river bed averages one inch nearer sea level, than when he first knew it, but the change is there. This plain that was once an unnamed plateau is now system of mountains with valleys thousands of feet in width and from one to two thousand feet in depth. All these valleys have been caused by the action of the waters that poured thru them in the millions of years that have come and gone since the plateau that is now here forever, was first formed.

To him who has eyes to see, the valley of the Kentucky is one changing panorama of green, brown and yellow, of mountain after mountain and valley after valley. From the top of Pine Mountain, or Big Black Mountain, if the day be clear, crest after crest appears one behind the other, like waves of a fretful ocean. To him who has mind to reason and who has a spirit of investigation, will be revealed an enormous quantity of facts. To the Christian, God has inspired earthly spirits to write a book that has been handed

down from generation to generation for the benefit of mankind. For the man who stops to investigate, it seems certain that God has caused to be recorded in another book that may be called the record of the everlasting hills, the history of the earth as it happened millions of years ago. As we see it, this book was closed, and sealed up for ages with the natural cement that seems to be in all loose material and the record was hidden in solid rock, called sandstone, shale and coal. Then came the millions of years of sunshine, frost, rain, wind and flood and the pages of the book were partly opened and their record now lies revealed to be read by him who has the key or can decipher the writing that is contained therein.

On the side of the cliff near the bed of the Kentucky river, at Whitesburg, fully 2000 feet below the tops of the mountains, a solid sandstone tree may be seen. Apparently it stands now just as it stood millions of years ago, its swelling base showed the upper part of the roots extending in either direction just like a tree to today. Its center is of sandstone, its bark has changed to coal. Its top is gone but fully 15 feet of the body of this tree stands on its original base and shows beyond a doubt that ages ago when this place, 2000 feet below the uppermost level of the plateau, was the ordinary surface of the ground, there stood a tree growing as trees grow today, absorbing its sustenance from the ground that afterwards turned to rock along with the rest of the tree itself. All sorts of reminders of things that lived millions of years ago can be found by the person who searches therefor.

The coal seams, the layers of rocks and shale show that beyond doubt the usual mountain of this region is caused by erosion, for they lie in a horizontal position, but in Pine Mountain the angle at which the layer of rock are found show that this mountain is not the usual mountain of this section but a mountain whose lower rocks have been tilted so that here the rocks that lie fully 3000 feet below the ordinary surface of the valleys are exposed. Here we have red sandstone, limestone and rock filled with pebbles called conglomerate. No such rocks as these can be found in the Kentucky hills. They are entirely different. Along this ledge of limestone may be found the caves of Line Fork, the bull hole near Whitesburg and numerous other interesting facts and conditions as different from the ordinary Kentucky mountains as are the ever changing conditions of nature.

The usual coal of Letcher county is singularly free from sulphur, making it very valuable in certain industries, but along this Pine Mountain several springs bring to the surface waters of various kinds and many of them of sulphurous content that reminds one of the medicinal waters of Manitou Springs, Colorado and West Baden, Ind., and other places. This we think is due to the fact that in this mountain the seams or fissures extend slantingly toward the bowels of the earth, thus bringing to us in springs the waters that have been impregnated with all sorts of medicinal qualities.

The usual water in the mountain streams is as clear as crystal except immediately after a heavy rain, when it shows for a short time what it can do towards increasing the depth of the valleys. Most of the surface water is much as it came from the clouds except for surface contamination but the water from the neighborhood of Pine Mountain is usually of a strong mineral content.

Near Eolia, Ky., on the Appalachian Way, there is a group of these mineral springs, familiarly known along the Kentucky and Virginia border as Parson's Springs. Hundreds of people have visited these springs annually for the last half century to drink the mineral waters. It is also carried away in large quantities for use of those who cannot come to the springs. Here there are at least three distinct springs within a distance of twenty feet, one with a white sulphur content and an odor of aged eggs, one with a black iron sulphur taste and one as nearly perfect to the taste as can be found on God's great footstool. Some day this spot will be the favorite rendezvous of those who need a renewal of youth.

### SHERIFF'S SALE

By Virtue of a judgment directed to me which issued from the clerk's office of Letcher Circuit Court in favor of J.N. Clay vs. Mary J. Franklin, Elzy Franklin, Byrd Franklin, I or one of my deputies will on Monday, April 1, 1926, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. at the Courthouse door in Whitesburg, Letcher Co. Ky., expose to pub-

lic sale to highest and best bidder the following property or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy piff's debt, interest and cost to-wit: One automobile. Amt. to be raised \$115 and cost of adv. and sale. Attached as the property of Mary J. Franklin, Elzy Franklin and Byrd Franklin.

Terms—Sale will be made on credit of 2 months, bond with

approval security required bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from date of sale and having the force and effect of a sale bond.  
M. T. Reynolds, S.L.C.  
By N. R. Day, D. S.

### SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of executions Nos. 1492 and 861 directed to me, I or one of my deputies will on Monday, April 5, 1926, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. at the Courthouse door in Whitesburg, Letcher Co. Ky., expose to public sale to highest and best bidder the following property or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy the amount of debt, interest and costs to-wit: One house and barn, and

4 lots in the town of Blackey, Ky. favor of Jas. Combs, S. L. C. vs. Wm. Collins, Jas. Stamper and Jeff Ison I or one of my deputies will on Monday April 5, 1926 between 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. at the Courthouse door in Whitesburg, Letcher Co., Ky., expose to public sale to highest and best bidder the following property or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy the amount of debt, interest and costs to-wit: One house and barn, and

Adv. and sale. Levied upon as the property of Wm. Collins. Terms—Sale will be made on a credit of six months, bond with approved security required bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from date of sale and having the force and effect of a sale bond. This Feb. 22, 1926.  
M. T. Reynolds, S.L.C.  
By Wm. Collins, D.S.



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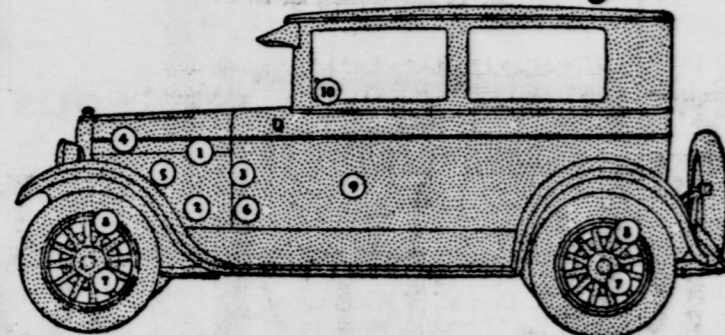
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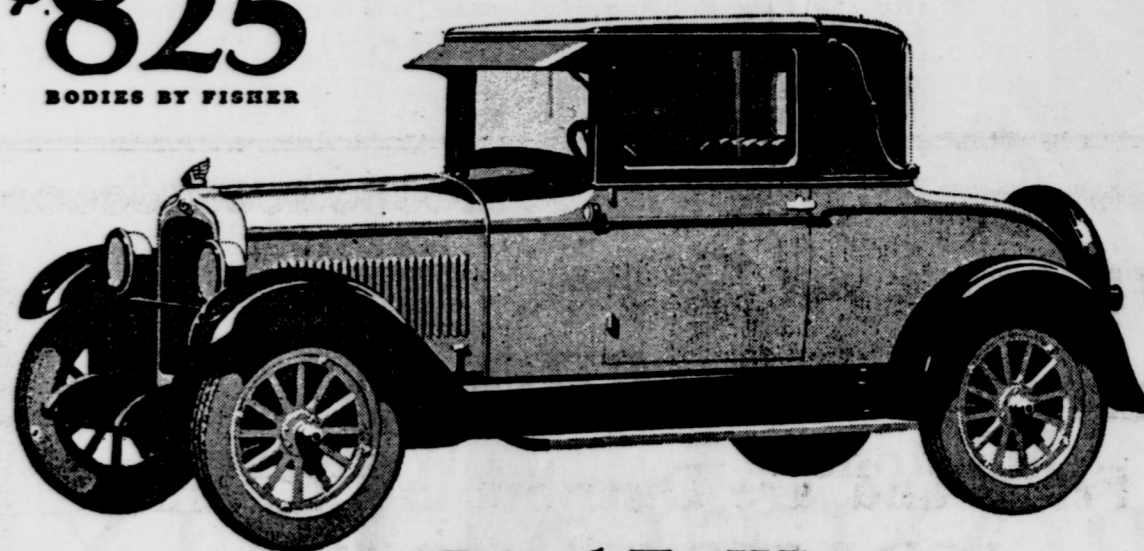
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Whitesburg, Ky.

CAPITAL - - - \$50,000.00  
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The First National Bank of Whitesburg, since its organization, in 1913, has gone forward with Letcher county and Eastern Kentucky, in their improvements. It understands the needs of this section, and with its MILLION DOLLARS in resources, stands ready to meet these demands. Its experience, its size and its record, are proof of its ability to co-operate actively and constructively in the development of a greater and better Letcher County and Eastern Kentucky. Our dominant policy is the constant satisfaction of our customers. LET US SERVE YOU.

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# Whitesburg Is Now a City

Seven years ago Whitesburg was a good, thriving little town, but during the summer months the streets were dry and the dust was plentiful. During the winter the mud was deep, even in front of the National Bank. Prices of real estate were low, and many of us now see where we could have made good money buying lots then and selling them now. We remember how prices have gradually risen and at no time have they declined. We selected a lot for a home. It had been priced at \$400 but when we asked for a price it was put at \$400.00. We organized a little company to buy some land at \$13,000, but the owner said he could not consider that price any longer. He afterward sold it for \$25,000 or more. And those who bought it sold and made money. We priced some more lots but we considered them too high. They have been sold at advanced figures. And why has there been a constant advance in real estate?

First, Because Whitesburg is the central city of Letcher county, and Letcher is one of the wealthiest counties in the State, its property values running up into the millions.

Second, there is a constant flow of population and money into the county which are being used for the improvement and development of the county.

Third, we are on the line between the Great Lakes and the Southeast Atlantic cities, on the Kyva Trail of the Appalachian Way.

Fourth, Whitesburg has good business men who are combining their energies to make this a great city. The Business Men's Club meets twice a month to suggest ways and means for the betterment of the county and city, and at these meetings all questions pertaining to the general welfare are discussed and action put forth. This Business Men's Club keeps in touch with Clubs of other cities and acts promptly with them for mutual benefits. It keeps in touch with highway developments, public expenditures, and takes a hand in all great movements, except politics.

Fifth, the city has a Woman's Club that is doing much toward planning, beautifying and building the city. We also have a Junior Woman's Club made up of High School girls, who are as serving and helpful as Angels of Mercy, specially in the general betterment of society and especially the cultivation of pure and lofty ideals.

These clubs meet frequently together at banquets, where eloquence and music, laughter and song in harmony blend. We have seen as many as sixty couples en joying together a sumptuous dinner and for two hours everybody seemed happy and prosperous, and the handshaking and greetings told plainly how every heart felt toward every other, and how free our little city is from "tusses and teuds."

Wonderful things have occurred during the last seven years. The good little town has grown into a good little city. She can now boast of concrete sidewalks and one telephone system with prospects for another, radios in many homes, putting us in direct communication with the current thought and music of the world, telegraph lines, railroads, facilities, carrying passengers, four trains every day, freight drags bearing hundreds of cars of coal every day, powerful electric current for homes and streets, to light up the city, heat water, iron the clothes, sweep the floors, cook our meals, etc.; two new bridges, one concrete and one iron; two wholesale grocery houses, doing immense businesses, meeting competition and making money; a large bakery furnishing bread and cakes to the city other places; four garages, two of modern brick construction; several department stores; two drug stores; many retail grocery stores; two weekly newspapers, The Mountain Eagle and Letcher County Leader, and one monthly, The Black Kat, devoted to education, one religious monthly publication; three fine hotels, including the famous Daniel Boone; big lumber plant; sanitary bottling works; water grist mills; saw and planing mill; two shoe shops, several dry goods stores, undertakers, two furniture stores, millinery stores, two good safe banks, paying divi-

dends and with money to loan on good security; three or four good churches, big Sunday schools, good doctors and lawyers, good city, county, State and national officers, who are making the country a safe place in which to live and raise our children; mechanics, bricklayers, stonemasons, contractors, painters, plumbers, etc., good, graded roads leading thru the county, flourishing lodge, Masons, Junior Mechanics, the Klan, Eastern Star, and Ladies' Aid Societies, and last but not least a good City School which enrolls about 400, and the Letcher County High School with an attendance of 125, in which is offered four years of mathematics, four of science, two of Latin, four of English, three of history, and from which fourteen will graduate this year. These diplomas will admit them to any of the first class colleges of the State.

But all is not won yet. A few years ago, standing in a small old town of Kentucky, we heard a man say, "These people are ahead of us. They have finished their town." There were no new buildings, no signs of improvement, everything at a standstill. Not so here. Progress is making demands upon us.

We expect soon to have an ice plant and in connection with it a storage; laundry to give employment to many of our people and keep the money here that is being sent abroad; a dairy, starting with a few good cows and increasing as the business demands; a canning factory to put up all kinds of vegetables and fruits, much of which go to waste each year; a fruit growers' association to encourage the production of berries, grapes, apple, peaches, etc. We have citizens who understand fruit culture, but they cannot succeed without organization. They must organize.

Now for the biggest statement yet. Within the last seven years, between the oil tank and the mouth of Sandlick, there have been built 127 houses, at a cost of over a half million dollars. Shall we listen to the voice of progress and go on to greater things or shall we stop like some towns and lose what we have gained? Shall we have a new school building at once and divide the school next fall, putting all the lower grades in the new building and leave the present building for High School and Junior High only? The consensus of sentiment replies, "Issue Bonds And Build!"

Our school is noted for the intelligence of the children; their splendid health, we think, largely due to the pure water they drink, both cistern and city, to the health exercises given them in school, to the large play ground, and to the happy, contented disposition of the children, to the beauty of the hills in springtime, the full green plumage of summer, the yellow, red and gold of autumn, to the white-top mountains in winter, all tending to elevate, ennoble and strengthen character and make the heart glad.

## MOVING ANNOUNCEMENT

We wish to announce to our old and new customers that on or after April 1 we will move our stock of goods to the Dr. D. V. Bentley building on the corner of Main street. The store is larger and we will be able to give our customers a better service. Mr. Hush, one of our firm, will soon leave for Cincinnati and New York where he will buy the new spring lines for our new location, ladies' and gents' furnishings, consisting of dry goods, notions, Don't forget to visit our new store when we move. You will find for yourself the most up-to-date styles and designs of ladies' coats and dresses. The building is under construction and as soon as it is completed we will move. The building was formerly occupied by Jim Ventura. Expressing our sincere appreciation to all customers and friends, Cordially yours,

CURRY & HUSH.

NEON, KY.

## LETCHER IN THE FALL

I gaze on scenes that hold me thrall,  
And think our God did not intend  
The finite mind to comprehend  
The story of the glory  
Of the mountains in the fall.

There's ever a change to greet us all,  
As fleecy clouds go drifting by;  
And through the pine trees zephyrs sigh,  
To stir the fountains in the mountains  
Of Letcher in the fall.

Stir the fountains of deep thought,  
By our Autumn splendor brought—  
How the chipmunk knows so well  
Where to hide his stores and tell  
All the folk with friendly brawl  
That today they're hid away  
In Letcher in the fall.

Thoughts of how the manifold  
Leaves, that turn to brown or gold  
Know what color they should be  
E'er they cut their branch and fall  
From the trees in the breeze  
In Letcher in the fall.

How the purple glens replying  
To the Pine trees gentle sighing,  
Send afar o'er cliff and scar,  
Where the forest nuts fall—  
A message by the breeze to the trees  
On the mountains in the fall;

How God has made our people  
Like our mountains in the fall;  
When youth is gone and age steals on,  
We grow old gracefully,  
And live on peacefully,  
Where hope supernal springs eternal,  
In the mountains in the fall.

From the shadow of the plains,  
The dismal rolling plains  
That extend from the mountain to the shore  
Let your hopes be lifted evermore  
By the everlasting call  
From the mountains in the fall.

Now, when we consider all,  
It is perhaps just as well  
That no human tongue can tell  
The story of the glory  
Of the mountains in the fall.

## AUTUMN IN THE HILLS

Words are very ineffectual things with which to describe the splendor of the hill country in fall. It's glory must be seen to be appreciated. When the big forest puts on its coat of gold and brown, and all the other brilliant hues, rising as it does on its natural amphitheatre, above the purple glen, its glory beggars all description by tongue or pen. Even the artist in the presence of such grandeur throws up his hands and says "impossible." Each of the many varieties of trees in our forests has a different color of leaves, so that it is possible to stand in the valley or on the hilltop and pick out, on a neighboring ridge the many kinds of trees by their different colored foliage.

But the joy is not all in the seeing. He who has not taken a stroll in the forest on the mountainside in the fall, has missed one of the greatest pleasures that nature has provided for man. There is a nameless something in the lure of the woods, that leads you on and on, you know not why, unless it is the soft whispering of the breeze as it gently covers your path with the falling leaves. The sound of dropping nuts, the sharp bark of the squirrel, the scream of an occasional jay and the twitter of the migratory birds as they bid good-bye to their familiar haunts to begin the southern journey, all these add to the glory of an autumn day in the mountains.

We love to visit High Rock, a

pinnacle, three miles above the city of Whitesburg, from which you look out over hundreds of thousands of acres of what looks to be an unbroken forest, an undulating sea of the blended colors of the rainbow. One feels that it is just some special occasion, and can hardly realize that this beauty lasts thru many weeks.

Our forests in the fall please every human sense—the eye by their vari-colored beauty; the ear by the rustle of the new-fallen leaves and the sound of dropping nuts; the touch by the soft tread of the trackless soft moss; the smell by almost every conceivable pleasant odor, and the taste by the berry, the wild grape, the chestnut and walnut. Add to these that nameless feeling of the air, the inspiration, the uplift to higher thought and living and you have the mountains in the fall.

## LOST IN PINE MOUNTAIN

Fox hound dog, black and tan, crop off one ear and small knot on left fore leg. Lost on Feb. 16. Finder or information leading to recovery of this dog will be rewarded.—Bill Long, Whitesburg.

## FOR RENT—AT ONCE

Desiring to engage in other business, I will rent the Blackey Restaurant, for sometime run by me, including all fixtures and 11 rooms upstairs in the building. Best business place in town. Possession given as soon as rented. Apply to Mrs. Lida Jenkins, Blackey, Ky.

## Letcher County Schools

There are about 100 Common Schools in Letcher county, under the management of Supt. Geo. Clarke, one of the leading educators of Kentucky, long in charge of the Normal School at Hindman. Prof. Clarke is an enthusiast for the three R's and stresses them in directing his teachers.

There are about a dozen graded schools in the county, located chiefly along the L. & N. R. R.

There are a dozen or more high schools in the Jenkins, McRoberts, Fleming and Burdine sections, under the management of Prof. Leon B. Stephan, supported by the county and supplemented by all money needed by the Consolidation Coal Co. These schools, altho a unit in one sense, are rivals among themselves in athletics, debates and other school activities. Prof. Stephan has been in charge about five years. The high school at Seco, conducted by Prof. Neville W. Fipcel, encouraged by the South-East Coal Co. and Henry Pfening Jr. is live and progressive. The Stuart Robinson School, Blackey, which has grown and prospered for years under the leadership of Prof. Tadlock, is now under the supervision of Prof. W. Lee Cooper, and is located on Rockhouse Creek one mile above the

town of Blackey, where it has splendid new modern buildings and some eight or ten acres of land, and is the equal of any school of its rank. It is supported mainly by the Presbyterian Church, and has some endowment. It is a school of high ideals and emphasizes religious instruction.

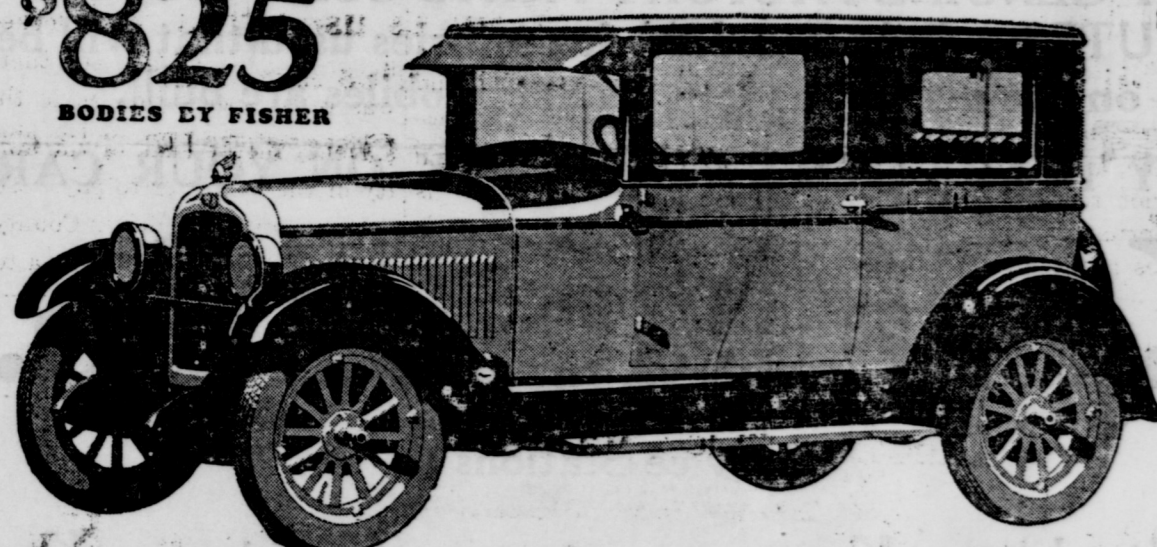
The Whitesburg High School was established about ten years ago by the Whitesburg Graded District and Letcher county. It has a large number of alumni throughout the county who are among the leading business and professional men. There are now in attendance about 130 students, fourteen of whom graduated this year. The Jenkins and Whitesburg and Stuart Robinson Schools are accredited. Their diplomas are recognized by the best colleges in the State.

There is one more institution that we should mention, altho it is not yet functioning, and that is the Pine Mountain Letcher County College. The Kyva Trail passes thru Whitesburg, crosses Pine Mountain at Letcher Gap, the site of this school, and the road is now ready for hard-surfacing. It is a beautiful smooth drive in the summer and leads over into Harlan county. Just on top of the mountain, Vincent

hero of Argonne Forest, a native Letcher boy, stood with the Governor of the State and other prominent men from various regions and from that eminence viewed the world or at best as much of it as the soul could bear at one instance. Sergeant owned the land around the summit, and out of the goodness of his heart and for the benefit of the mountain boys and girls, he then gave as a site for a College this sky-kissed region. And in the name of the State the Governor received it, and soon thereafter the College was incorporated, and the land about the Gap went up in prices as it was already up in altitude. Now the Board of Trustees are planning to build a College up on the top of this wonderful mountain. Already donations and gifts are pouring in and before long a real old-time college for boys and girls will be available. It will be removed from the noise of the city, from its temptations and attractions, and students will have for their thoughts the sciences and arts of the ages, the classics of Greece and Rome, and a scenery that would have inspired Demosthenes and Socrates and which will produce, we predict, some of the greatest men and women of our next generation.

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CHIEF OF THE SIXES

## SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of execution No. 1559, 1560, 1563 directed to me which issued from directed to me which issued from the Clerk's office of the Letcher Circuit Court in favor Hon Lumber Co. and West Virginia Brick Co., vs.

A. K. Franklin & Wilse Franklin, I or one of my deputies will on Monday, April 5, 1926, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. at Courthouse door in Whitesburg, Letcher Co., Ky. expose to public sale to highest ad best bidder the following property or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy amt. of plf's

debt, interest and cost to wit:

Three tracts of land lying and being in Letcher Co. Ky., and described as follows: First tract, one house and lot in town of Whitesburg, Ky. where A. K. Franklin now lives. Second tract, lying on waters of Colly Creek, Letcher county, Ky., beginning at a stone about 300 ft of Susan Bentley's house, adjoining lands of Wilson Sergeant's heirs, and Elihu Blair. Third tract, beginning at a point on L. & N. right of way, and adjoining lands of Letitia and D.D. Frazier. These three tracts being the same land conveyed by A. K. Franklin to Wilse Franklin, by deeds dated

Feb. 2 1925, deed book 67 page 276 records Letcher Co. Court Clerk's office. For complete description of above property see above records. Amt. to be raised \$1,31.43 and cost of adv & sale. Levied on as the property of Wilse Franklin.

Terms, Sale will be made on a credit of six months bond with approved security required, bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from date of sale and having the force and effect of a sale bond.

This March 12 1926.

M. T. Reynolds, S.L.C.

By Bob Wright, D.S.



# ON WITH THE KYVA AND MAYO TRAILS OF THE APPALACHIAN WAY

## Spring Sunset---In the Hills

The opaline haze of a bright sunset faded into the purple mystery of twilight. Apollo, the great sun god, disappeared behind the horizon taking with him his mighty chariot and his fiery steeds. The lonely orchid maiden, whom mortals call the moon, chased the sanguine sunset to its hiding place, and when the evening light under heaven's serenity is about to be concealed one gazes to behold nature's masterpiece of art and sculptor, then listens to but hear the loveliest of music.

Neath the now purple twilight mountains rise in majesty. As spacious halls carpeted in green velvet, and decorated with flowers of every variety they appear. Purple vined and moss covered rocks bedeck the carpet until the decoration reminds one that a great festival must be near. One after another these mountains rise until far into the distance they appear as only a crystal mist. A silvery, serpentine stream mercilessly cuts its way thru green grass and checkered shadows of giant oaks, maples, pines and poplars--as the last rays of a spring sun sink in its oriental splendor.

In the evening stillness the flute-like call of mating birds sound forth accompanied by the rippling water's echo, furnishing a most harmonious orchestra for the great festival, "Spring," while the south winds softly caress and kiss the cheek of each gigantic tree, and as they wane in breezy riot re-echo "Welcome, Sweet Springtime!" A swarm of fireflies glitter as if tangled

meshes of silver braid. Honied blossoms feed on drops of dew as the crystal moonbeams transform the dew to diamond jets. Purple-faced violets and their many companions, like whirling snowflakes lost--support a charm most rare. The mountain fern's tiny tapering form has on its coat of green. The laurel, rhododendron and dandelion are honored guests, as they appear as sylphic lace hung out to dry.

Truly each mountain appears in itself imbued of thousands of colors, reminding one of a veil of lace woven with rainbow hue, and indeed the evening festival, even to the croaking of the frog, is a symphony of poetic harmony--reberberating from the waving circles of rich green mountain turf to the sun-kissed shadows.

The ear is in full tune and at every turn the loitering waves whisper to flower encumbered banks, to the beauty enchanted breeze, to the waving trees, husky branches, where singing birds and frisky squirrels live in tune with the spirited waters.

Thus truly for one to experience the springtime festival in the hills is to feast upon the finer arts. For who can deny that any sculptor could yield a chisel more perfectly than did the sculptor who carved our hills? Who could paint a more harmonizing scene than our green coated mountains? And what musician can excel the music of our sweet-voiced birds and rippling waters? And so it is when one experiences Nature's concert, and enters into its stu-

dio, is to skim the earth--to soar above the clouds, to bathe in the elysian dew of the rainbow and to turn to the deep blue heavens only to thank the hand that so well put them there and to say:

In the midst of all their splendor Letcher Mountains rise profound, May they thru the coming ages Be a symbol of renown.

May the battles they have conquered As they've struggled day by day, End with one great gift of man, In the Appalachian Way.

## Wonderful Financial Growth of Letcher

The wonderful growth of the finances of Letcher County will be shown by the following statements. The upward stride of our finances have been steadily increased since 1910. The writer recalls that in 1910 Letcher County had two banks, a total of \$75,000.00 Capital Stock, and total resources of \$130,000.00.

At that time, to secure a loan of one thousand dollars and upward meant for some of our wealthiest land owners to go down to Richmond, Ky., and mortgage their property for the amount wanted. A loan of one thousand dollars to any one individual about that time, looked like an enormous sum, and there was great speculation as to the solvency of the loan, or the ability of the borrower to pay. Today we have in Letcher County, five big hearty banks, with a to-

tal Capital of \$200,000.00 and total resources of approximately three million dollars, to be specific, their January statements showed resources of \$2,965,000, a net jump of \$2,835,000.

Instead of going to the Blue Grass section for our accommodations, the Blue Grass section is now coming to us for their loans. The man of 1910, who had saved his life time earnings and had accumulated some \$5,000.00 to \$6,000.00 in cash was considered a very wealthy man. Of Course we had wealthier men whose wealth was in real estate, but money pure and simple, was very scarce.

The financial upbuilding of our county has been largely due to the influence of these five big banks, in bringing in foreign capital, using their resources in advancing developments of our natural resources, which are unlimited, and their progressiveness in advocating, aiding and assisting in the building of good roads. The officers, stock-holders and practically every man interested in the financial institutions are good roads boosters, and are very enthusiastic in their work. They have stood by the county officials in their road projects, not only lending their efforts to good road work, but their capital and resources as well. By doing so, they have brought new capital into the county, new developments and caused a regular influx of money into the vaults of their banks. The average savings account of 1910, of \$100 has gone into figures of five and six columns.

With the regular influx of money, has come better roads, and with the better roads has come the automobile, and with the coming of the automobiles, the demand for more and better roads and better hotels to accommodate the tourists and sightseers of which our county is filled to overflowing. The natural scenic beauty of our hills and mountains, the clear water falls and good fishing, the underground caves and mountainous natural formations brings the tourist and holds them spellbound. With the great influx it has become necessary to build new hotels, better schools and better churches. Every crossroad and every point of scenic beauty is now accessible, and accommodations prepared to take care of this wonderful change in the county. Spacious hotels have been erected to take care of the incoming tourists, development, industries and those interested in our great scenic beauties and our Black Diamond (coal) industries.

This is a wonderful county, and the visitors from places like Yosemite Valley, Hot Springs, Ark., French Lick Springs and the Palm Beach sections of Florida, who have parked their cars in Letcher's domain, usually wire home to the folks to sell the home and come to Kentucky to stay. The POST SCRIPT, usually added to the telegram is, "If you can't get our price take theirs, as money is plentiful here, easy to get, and cheap to live. You can live in Letcher County one year on the people's hospitality, the second year on fifty cents and the third on a credit. Should you happen to die here, which looks impossible, unless you have an accident, they bury you free."

## Mountain Top Views

We live among the mountains. Their rugged summits salute us every morning. Elsewhere in this issue Geographers will possibly tell us of their names, their altitude, and the historical circumstances surrounding their discovery. Meteorologists can explain to you their immense climatic importance. Botanists can dilate upon the shrubs that drape their graceful slopes and upon the herbs that flourish along the streams in the thickly peopled valleys. The Geologist can unfold to you the wondrous secrets of their strata. But it is ours to view the hill tops as they loom up grandly against the skyline. We say "hill top views" because we believe when one talks of the ideals, character and eternal longing of the people as expressed through their religion one is actually witnessing the grandest heights of all.

It is impossible to understand a people until you know something of their religion. You may understand the topography of their country, the degree of their civilization, and the size of their stature, but you know scarcely nothing of them until you know what they worship. Like all mankind, we in this section are incurably religious.

A glance at the following "Hill Top Views" will give us a more realistic insight into the religious life of the people.

### OUR GOD

The average man has an exalted idea of God. Rising from our training and our very nature, comes this conception of a great God. Possibly also our intimate contact with nature, has something to do with this elevated conception of deity. We are not warped by an artificial world. It is possible for a man to live in such "man made" surroundings that he is not daily reminded of the "God made" world. In fact, some have such an exalted idea that they feel like He is almost unapproachable. To our mind this is far superior to the far too modern idea of exalting man rather than God. As we build our civilization, we build upon a Rock foundation, and it will never fall.

### OUR BIBLE

Our people believe the Bible. Its truth is not questioned among the people of these hills. The Bible is without question the word of God. Modernistic infidels are few, if any at all. The faith of the people is on a solid foundation.

### OUR PAST

SCENE 1. Behold the pilgrim pioneer. There stands the wagon. The horses are turned out to forage for food among the underbrush. The man is kindling his first Kentucky fire. It is time for evening worship with the family. The mother is holding an open Bible for the father. The oldest child is turning the leaves of the song book. Overwhelmed by the vastness and loneliness of the great solitude they worship, and their souls like a homing bird, has flown up to God and back to the church

and the fond familiar faces that seem such an eternity across the wilds.

SCENE 2. The pioneer preacher has been joined by the flock who followed him. The men are hewing the huge logs. There is a house raising.

SCENE 3. The log church is finished. The people are gathering for worship. As they stack their rifles at the door, there is a sigh of relief, for they are at last free to worship God, according to the dictates of their own conscience.

Indian Bottom and Oven Fork Baptist churches were among the first to be established by the people who filtered through the mountain gaps.

### OUR PRESENT

There are thirty-three churches in Letcher County. Twenty-five Baptist Churches, divided as follows: Eleven Regular Baptists, nine Missionary Baptists, three Primitive, and two Regular Primitives, two Methodists, two Presbyterians, one Catholic, one Episcopalian, two Union churches. Besides these churches, there are numerous places where services are held regularly. These churches are very well supplied with ministers. Nine of them have resident pastors, with preaching service every Sunday. Even in the small coal camps where there are no churches, Sunday Schools are maintained for the religious instruction of the people.

We do not claim that the moral and religious conditions are ideal, but they are far better than has been advertised thru the daily press. Everybody has heard of "Bad Branch," but we want the world to know that we have our "Kingdom Come," also, which is a much larger stream than the former one which got its name from topography rather than the character of the people.

### OUR HOPEFUL FUTURE

Southeastern Kentucky, from a religious standpoint has a very hopeful future. During the last few years there has been a great influx of people from every part of the globe. Many of our churches are young, yet these young churches are prosperous and increasing rapidly in membership. We doubt if there is a County in Kentucky that is experiencing a more marvelous religious development than this one.

The future is especially hopeful because there is growing up a better understanding between the different religious groups. All agree that prejudice and misunderstandings that often grow up among isolated groups of people are fast disappearing. As to the attitude of the churches toward each other, they are beating their swords into plowshares and are learning war no longer. The great Appalachian Highway that is to be completed is one of the most encouraging things in our view of the future. When this highway with its feeders are completed, practically every church in the county can be reached by automobiles any time of the year.

In material ways Rome open-

ed the way for Christianity by building the great highways for the gospel. Her great system of roads that knit the then civilized world together served not only material ends but, were of equal service to the early missionaries and christian traders who did not lose an opportunity for spreading the gospel. Likewise hard surfaced highways will be a material means for furthering the gospel among the children of men today.

This road will help the people to know each other better thus causing them to love each other more. Millions of tourists will travel this scenic highway from North, through Whitesburg, to the South. Many of these will pause and worship in our churches ere they pass on. The purity of worship which we have maintained will be inviting to the sojourner for we worship Him "in Spirit and in Truth," for we believe He "seeketh such to worship Him."

## Agricultural Possibilities

Speaking of the agricultural possibilities of Letcher county, read the following:

Last year Leonard Boggs raised a pumpkin that weighed 105 pounds.

Kenton Fairchild gathered 487 pounds of pumpkin from a single vine.

In 1924 Hiram Williams raised an sold \$587.00 worth of watermelons on half acre ground. Besides, Mr. Williams gave to friends and neighbors many dollars worth free.

Last year Colonel Polly sold \$254 worth of strawberries raised on one-fourth acre.

In 1925 Evans Hammons, of near Whitesburg, gathered and sold \$53 worth of peaches from 2 five year old trees.

Last year Simon J. Hale, of our city, gathered 38 Keiffer pears from one tree that made a heaping bushel.

These are only a few of the facts that could be recited. Suffice is to say that Letcher county produces the finest crops of apples, peaches, pears, and all other kinds of fruits, and especially in the highland sections of which there are thousands of acres. Cabbages, beets, potatoes, tomatoes, onions, lettuce, and all other usually cultivated vegetables grow as well and as fine as anywhere in Kentucky or the South. Only in the last few years has the light of the great possibilities of this section as to a great fruit and vegetable growing industry dawned and our citizens are taking more and more to its importance.

We confess that ordinarily the regular run of a weekly newspaper does not reflect such a amount of the real intelligence of its readers. The literary acumen of professional and business men is seldom expressed in a literary way and few people are able to know just how deeply they think or how well they are versed in the expression of their innermost thoughts. Thru the Eagle this week a few only of our intelligent local citizens are given an opportunity to express themselves. All the articles come off the press just as handed to us.

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# ON WITH THE KYVA AND MAYO TRAILS OF THE APPALACHIAN WAY

## Letcher Gap of the Appalachian Way

People of the United States have longed, looked and listened for a place somewhere among the Appalachian Hills where they might find rest and recreation to their soul's content. They have spent millions of dollars trying to satisfy that wish but up until now they have not found their goal. North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, have all beckoned and the busy folks have rushed into their "Havens of Rest," but still there is something missing and so far unsupplied.

In Letcher county, Ky., within a few miles of Whitesburg, the county seat, is a little spot known as Letcher Gap, and it would seem to the busy people and tourists, set aside by "The Almighty" for their own particular use. This Gap is on top of Pine Mountain, which is one of the Appalachian ranges and is easily reached by the National Highway running from Chicago via Cincinnati, Winchester, Ky., and Whitesburg thru Letcher Gap by the route which winds its way thru Virginia, Johnson City, Tenn., Asheville, N. C., into Jacksonville, Fla., and is nationally known as the shortest and most direct route to the "Orange Blossom" State. This Appalachian Way is also connected just above Whitesburg with another great road which is known as The Mayo Trail, named for the late John C. C. Mayo, who has gone down in mountain history as the greatest brain the mountains have claimed. This road winds up Big Sandy river from Ashland, Ky., thru Louisa, Pikeville, Shelby Junction and Jenkins where it crosses the mountains thru the various coal towns in the famous Elkhorn district to the point where it joins the Appalachian Way across the Pine Mountain. This particular spot is so located that it may be reached with perfect ease by automobile from any portion of the United States and almost from any direction. Recently some of the business men of that wonderful mountain county purchased large acreages on top of Pine Mountain at Letcher Gap, with the expectation of developing it into a resort. We do not know where a more desirable place could be had for a health, pleasure or summer resort. The particular portion of the Appalachian Way climbing the mountains on the Kentucky river or north side is beyond question one of the finest pieces of road anywhere in Kentucky. It leaves the river at an elevation of 1200 feet and winds around the mountain side over a smaller hill until at last it reaches Pine Mountain's top at an elevation of 3000 feet. This road was built under the most adverse difficulties, the rocks setting in the mountain side at an angle of 45 degrees which made the shooting and grading almost impossible, and at points the beautiful cliff exposed by the grading takes all colors of the rainbow, and was built at a cost of nearly one quarter million dollars. It is no unusual incident to find the folks from down in the valleys driving up the mountain at wee hours of the morning for the purpose of watching the sun apparently coming out of the ocean and to enjoy all of Nature's blessings which are most forcefully exhibited from this mountain top, and in the evening return again to watch the sun sink back in the golden west. It would seem there is no limit to the vision of the naked eye in admiring the thousands and thousands of smaller ranges,

hills and valleys that may be seen from any direction, and especially looking east, west and north. To the south the great Black Mountains of Virginia rear their hoary heads to a point where the onlooker must feel the loneliness of Daniel Boone as he broke the way across this mountain to the Kentucky territory. Wildcats, possums, foxes, squirrels, wild turkeys and many other wild animals and fowls may be seen at most any season of the year. Squirrel shooting is a great sport in this section and it is no uncommon thing to see a hunter walk in with ten or fifteen squirrels after having been into the dense woodland only a few hours. The Kentucky and Cumberland rivers furnish good fishing to those desiring this sort of sport, speckled and black bass dominating the two streams and like the sturdy, robust Anglo-Saxon mountaineers, these fish are really jolly good fellows if you once make their acquaintance. It is here that the late John Fox traveled, looked, and thought and wrote his wonderful books, "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine," and "The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come." The admirable characters of both books may be found now living in this county where it is a pleasure for all visitors to actually talk with the particular person who is very much admired, and who is the real man that was once the boy with his dog referred to in "The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come," and for whom we all had a tender feeling in our hearts and a wish that we could help him out of his great troubles. At his advanced age he can still relate the story of his early boyhood with much interest to all. Close to the Gap in the mountain range and which is within a thirty minute drive, is the richest coal field that time has yet discovered. This Elkhorn field is producing several million tons of coal each year and some of the largest companies in the world give employment to thousands of people, all of whom are and have been content with good wages and living conditions since the beginning of the business in 1910-11. The county has nearly doubled its population in the last five years and is still growing by leaps and bounds. Every convenience from the strongest banks in Kentucky, better schools, best churches, pure clean sparkling water, pure food and all things to protect and make home life happier is found in this section.

Again at this particular mountain spot an enormous Mountain College is to be erected to accommodate the boys and girls of this county as well as neighboring counties and States with the A. B. and B. A. degrees and place into the world some of this mountain talent which is descended from our forefathers who landed at Jamestown, Va., in 1607. This school is to be maintained by donations and endowments together with the income earned by the school in the manufacture of chairs, baskets, various carved ornaments, the raising of sheep, cattle and hogs, and the growing of fruits. At this altitude where there is constant sunshine from dawn until night there is very little uneasiness about sickness, and to see the strong, red-faced, barefoot boys and girls gives thought to "Maud Muller," and the traveler will pause to admire their perfect health and forms.

Here on this mountain the people from the north and south may find plenty of space to build their own homes and spend

their holidays and vacations in enjoying this mountain grandeur, pure air and water which is not contaminated by the wheels of industry, smoke and fogs of the valleys. Perfect accommodations in the way of radio, telegraph, telephone, electricity, etc., will make the traveler suffer no scruples that something may be wrong at his business or home about which he might not know were it not for these accommodations. A large park will be located and hunting, fishing, good movies, and all other entertainments tending to divert the mind from business or worry will be maintained for the residents and visitors.

With the good roads penetrating this section, the most select spots for factories and other businesses and the proposed connection of the L. & N. with the C. & O., which is now conceded a reality, gives hope to the neighboring States which do not have sufficient employment for their people that just across the hills in this county they may find comfort and prosperity which is an aspirant for all thinking people.

### MASTER COMMISSIONERS SALE

Letcher Circuit Court  
J. A. Fay and Egan Co. pliffs, vs. Wilsie Franklin and A. K. Franklin, etc., defts.  
By virtue of judgment and order of sale made at Jan. term Letcher Circuit Court in above styled cause, I will offer for sale to highest and best bidder at front of Courthouse in town of Whitesburg, Letcher Co. Ky. on 5 day of April 1926, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. it being County Court day, following property to-wit:  
One J. A. Fay and Egan Co. No. 2 plainer and matchwork three sides up to 12 in. wide and 4 in. thick, and top head to work 24 in. wide and 6 in. thick, equipped with one pair of gun-metal matcher head on side, side spindles and one 24 in. square cylinder and one pair of knives c/s with tight and loose pulleys and one set of external belting. Amount to be raised by said sale is the sum of \$400 with interest from March 25, 1924, until paid, and all cost of this action and sale.  
Master Com. Letcher Cir. Court  
Sale will be made on credit of three months and purchaser will be required to execute bond with approved surety for payment of purchase price, and a lien will be retained upon the property as additional security. Said bond will bear legal interest from date of sale and have the force and effect of a judgment.  
J. L. HAYS,

## - "In the Heart of the Hills" -

There are an hundred and one interesting things to be seen and done in picturesque Eastern Kentucky, already far-famed in song and story. Especially interesting is Letcher county with its beautiful mountains and hills, rivers and valleys, its virgin forests and acres of black diamonds.

Letcher county is located in Southeastern Kentucky and is surrounded by the counties of Pike, Knott, Perry and Harlan, in Kentucky, and Wise county, in Virginia—"IN THE HEART OF THE HILLS." The county has a population of about 30,000 and an area of 332 square miles. The coal acreage of the county is approximately 187,000 acres, and the timber acreage 150,000 acres.

The county is traversed by the Pine Mountain and Big Black Mountain, ranges of the Cumberland Mountains of the Appalachian System. Having their source in these mountains and within Letcher county are the Big Sandy, the Kentucky and Cumberland rivers, and in Wise county, Virginia, are the Pound, Guests and Powell rivers. Literally speaking Letcher county is "on top of the world." I cannot imagine a more interesting trip to one interested in scenic beauties, nature studies, geology, or the development of the natural resources, than a trip touching the headwaters of all the six rivers named. This trip can be made in about six hours, and there are so many points of interest I do not think it out of place to give briefly an outline of it here.

From Whitesburg, the county seat, itself an interesting little modern city, nestled in the valley of the North fork of the

Kentucky, we drive over the Mayo Trail to Eolia on the Cumberland river, crossing Pine Mountain at Letcher Gap, 3000 feet above sea level. Here will be located Letcher Mountain College. From Eolia the Mayo Trail and Appalachian Way follow the Cumberland river to Cumberland City, in Harlan County, then to Lynch, Ky., which boasts the largest coal tipple in the world, and is perhaps the most modern mining plant in the world. From Lynch to Appalachia, Va., crossing Big Black Mountain, is an interesting drive thru a great forest of hardwood timber. From Appalachia and Big Stone Gap, along Powells river to Norton we drive thru the Southwest Virginia coal field. From Norton, Va., to Jenkins, Ky., via Pound Gap, we cross Guests river at Essersville, Va., and Pound river at Pound, Va., traversing a section of scenic and historic interest. Jenkins, Ky., is located on Elkhorn Creek, headwaters of the Big Sandy. From Jenkins to Whitesburg we again follow the Mayo Trail and the entire distance of 18 miles is almost a continuous mining town, the mining operations are so close together. This tour encircles the water shed of the six rivers named, the divide reaching its highest altitude in Mt. Carmel, the highest peak of the Big Black Mountains. It was from the 11 1-3 ft. vein of coal under Mt. Carmel that the huge block of bituminous coal was taken that attracted world-wide interest at one of our great expositions. It was along this route that John Fox, Jr., gathered the material for his "Trail of the Lonesome Pine," "Knight of the Cumberland," "A Cumberland

land Vendetta" and his "Happy Valley" stories. A lady in commenting on the many interesting features of the trip remarked, "It is no wonder that John Fox, Jr., wrote interestingly of this section."

Letcher county ranks third among the 36 coal producing counties of Kentucky. Nestled among the hills are forty-six coal operations having a total capacity of 47,375 tons or 900 cars daily. These operations are served by the Louisville & Nashville Railway along the Kentucky River Valley and the Chesapeake & Ohio along the Big Sandy. Much hardwood lumber and logs are being shipped over the L. & N. lines.

The payrolls of the mining and timber industries approximate a half million dollars each month. There are three National and two State Banks in the county, which on December 31, 1925, showed total resources of about \$3,000,000.

The total assessed valuation of the county, 1925, was \$22,534,440.

Considerable attention is being given to agriculture especially to fruit growing. Conditions are favorable for growing fine crops of apples, peaches, small fruits and berries. Market gardening is a profitable industry with unexcelled markets at hand. With the Kyva Highway, a State road, from the Knott-Perry border to Whitesburg, where it joins the Mayo Trail from Big Sandy Valley, via Whitesburg to the Harlan county coal field, these markets are accessible to every section of the county.

It is interesting to note the location of Whitesburg and Letcher county with reference to the

great centers of population and the trunk line highways. For instance, a direct route from Detroit, Mich., to Tampa, Fla., would pass thru the county, as would a direct route from Chicago to Charleston—a direct route from Norfolk, Va., on the Atlantic coast, to San Francisco, on the Pacific coast.

Letcher county and the mountains of Eastern Kentucky have long been considered isolated from the rest of the country, but the barrier—bad roads—have been removed. She has spent millions of dollars on her highways.

It has often been said, and it is true, that the purest blood of the Anglo-Saxon race is to be found in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky. It can also be truthfully said there cannot be found in all America a more hospitable people. The latch-string is on the outside. Edward C. Downing has well expressed the sentiment of the true mountaineer:

"I am dreaming of Kentucky,  
Where the mountains rise and rise,  
And the heart of man is happy  
In the sunshine of the skies."  
"Men are men of word and honor,  
Women virtuous as God,  
Full of kindness, faith in heaven,  
And the good that makes them odd."  
"I can hear the echoes calling,  
Like a mother to her child,  
And I answer, 'I am coming  
To my native wood and wild.'"

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